

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of:

Anderson, Billy, et al.

Art Unit: 3732

Appl. No.: 09/698,493

Examiner: Priddy, M.

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For: Composite Bone Graft, Method of Making and Using Same

AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted responsive to the Final Office Action dated June 17, 2002, making a response due on or before September 17, 2002. Please amend the application and consider the remarks, as set forth below.

In the Claims:

Set forth below are the claims as amended. Please see Attachment A.

117. A composite bone graft, comprising:

a first cortical bone portion;

a second cortical bone portion provided on said first cortical bone portion to form a graft unit;

and

one or more bone pins for holding together said graft unit, said one or more bone pins are provided perpendicular to or parallel to an interface of said first cortical bone portion and said second cortical bone portion, wherein said composite bone graft does not comprise an adhesive and said cortical bone portions are not demineralized.